

Changes to Recording Fees/Social Security Protection

Governor Doyle signed SB 507 into law on May 12, 2010 legislation that changes the recording fee structure for real estate documents filed with the county register of deeds and directs the register of deeds to redact social security numbers from electronic format records that are viewable or accessible on the Internet.

Effective June 25, 2010 the cost to record a real estate document in the County Register of Deeds office will be \$30 regardless of the number of pages.

Formerly, the fee was based on the number of pages and has been modified from a per page fee to a standard flat fee of \$25 per document. Additionally, the legislation imposes a \$5 recording fee per document to cover the costs associated with redaction of social security numbers. The recording fee reverts to \$25 upon the earliest of the following:

- The Register of Deeds has successfully redacted all social security numbers from electronic format
- January 1, 2012, unless an extension of time is granted by DOA; or
- January 1, 2015.

In the interest of protecting our citizens, the Green County Register of Deeds will begin redaction of social security numbers immediately from any records currently posted on the Internet and will continue to do so for any documents intended to be posted on the Internet.